

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2802

March 1, 2010

Dear Principal:

I am pleased to announce that my office will participate in the 2010 Congressional Art Competition: *An Artistic Discovery*. This exciting competition provides Members of Congress with the opportunity to showcase the artistic talent of high school students within their districts, thereby acknowledging the nation's gifted young artists.

This is the second year that my office has participated in the event and we are very excited. The winning entry from each congressional district will be displayed in a special exhibition located in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol. The first place winner and one guest will receive two airline tickets to attend a special ceremony unveiling the exhibit in Washington, D.C. on June 17, 2010. Hotel accommodations are not included.

In order to acquire more student participation, I am hoping you can assist by forwarding this letter and the attached information to the high school art teachers at your school. We would like to encourage more students to become involved.

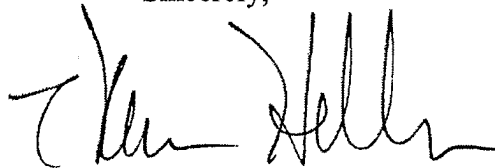
The competition is open to all high school students who live in the Second Congressional District of Nevada. Matted artwork must be sent to my Reno office by **April 1, 2010**. Students should attach their release forms to the back of their artwork.

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Contest guidelines and a pdf of the required student release form will also be available on my website, www.heller.house.gov. If you need additional information, please feel free to call Ms. Carrigan.

I look forward to seeing our Nevada students participate in this important event.

Sincerely,



DEAN HELLER
Member of Congress